

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application

**Listing of Claims:**

1.-3. (Canceled).

4. (Currently Amended) A battery system comprising:

a first battery module on its side; and

a second battery module stacked on its side on the first battery module;

said first battery module and said second battery module each having respective plates at opposite ends thereof and bands extending between said respective plates;

said first battery module and said second battery module arranged to receive flow of cooling medium in parallel;

said first battery module and said second battery module each comprised of a plurality of cells,

said cells in said first battery module held together, said cells in said second battery module held together,

said cells in said first battery module held together independently of said cells in said second battery module;

at least two of said cells in said first module including convex portions which coincide to form an opening through which said cooling medium flows;

at least two of said cells in said second module including convex portions which coincide to form an opening through which said cooling medium flows.

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5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) A battery system according to claim [[1]]4 wherein said convex portions are arranged for flow of said cooling medium horizontally relative to positive and negative terminals arranged on respective tops of said cells.

7. (Previously Presented) A battery system according to claim 4, wherein said first and second battery module are held to each other.